

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 1, lines 4-12 with the following:

[0001] This application relates to co-pending U.S. patent applications entitled "Centralized Bandwidth Management Method and Apparatus" (~~Docket No. AUS920030611US1~~Patent application no. 10/674,977) in the names of Jeffrey Douglas Brown, Scott Douglas Clark, and John David Irish, filed on Sep. 30, 2003, and "Controlling Bandwidth Reservations Method and Apparatus" (~~Docket No. AUS920030613US1~~Patent application no. 10/718,302) in the names of Charles Ray Johns, Matthew Edward King, Peichun Peter Liu, David Mui, and Jieming Oi, filed concurrently herewith.

Please replace page 2, lines 22-29 with the following:

[0014] It is further noted that, unless indicated otherwise, all functions described herein may be performed in either hardware or software, or some combination thereof. In a preferred embodiment, however, the functions are performed by a processor, such as a computer or an electronic data processor, in accordance with code, such as computer program code, software, a computer program product embodied on a tangible computer readable medium, and/or integrated circuits that are coded to perform such functions, unless indicated otherwise.